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Colonial Farms

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FORMERLY
COLONIAL GARDENS

COATESVILLE, PA.



OUR patronage is appreciated and your future orders are earnestly solicited. With unselfish service we strive to give you satisfaction.

ORDER EARLY. The scarcity of many varieties of dahlias makes it necessary to order early to avoid disappointment. Orders are filled in rotation. To insure the reservation of the varieties selected, mail your order today.

STOCK. The stock offered is grown at COLONIAL FARMS and is of the finest quality. The stock is carefully handled and packed securely that it will reach you in first-rate condition.

ALL ROOTS ARE GUARANTEED to be vigorous and any that prove otherwise will be replaced.

SUBSTITUTIONS. We do not substitute unless directed to do so when sold out of varieties that you have ordered. If the season is far advanced a second choice many times prevents delay in completing the order.

Unless you specify a certain shipping date, your order will be shipped to arrive at the proper time to plant in your locality.

The acreage has been greatly increased to expand the dahlia gardens and add many new introductions to our large collection.

An invitation is extended you to visit our display of gorgeous dahlias next blooming season.

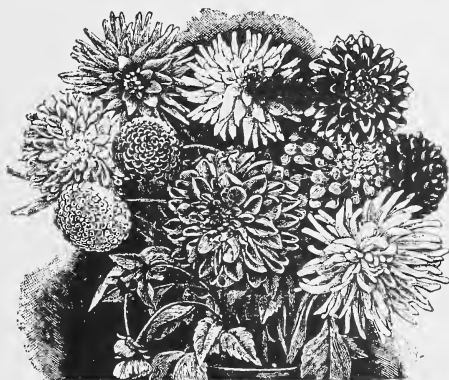
If you will enclose the names and addresses of a few of your friends when sending us your order a catalogue will be mailed to them and an extra tuber will be added to your order for the favor you confer.

THE PRICES are the lowest that can be made and still offer excellent stock.

ALL BULBS listed at the prices herein are for delivery prepaid.

Colonial Farms, Coatesville, Pa.

The Dahlia can be grown successfully under adverse conditions and where little care is given will give greater reward than most other flowers. A good collection, including all types and colors, is sure to afford much pleasure.



THE DISTINCTIVE TYPE COLLECTION

This collection consists of six different types of dahlias and six different colors especially arranged to help those not familiar with the different types to acquaint themselves with them.

The varieties are classed among the best of their respective types.

DECORATIVE DAHLIA MILLIONAIRE—The flowers are monsters in size, and the formation is perfect. The color is lavender-pink shading to white. The plant is very sturdy and supports the immense flowers on strong stems60c each

CACTUS DAHLIA LIBELLE—This dahlia is a profuse bloomer. The flowers are an unusual color of rich purple. This variety is excellent for cutting and decorative purposes25c each

SHOW DAHLIA GRAND DUKE ALEXIS—Large ball-shaped flowers, with quilled petals, perfectly formed. The color is white-edged lilac. The plant is vigorous.35c each

PEONY-FLOWERED DAHLIA ROSE-MARIE—One of the first dahlias to bloom, and also one that blooms continuously throughout the summer and autumn. The color is a light shade of violet suffused white, and the contrast with the yellow centre makes it very attractive50c each

COLLARETTE DAHLIA FROGMORE—The flowers are orange scarlet with perfectly arranged collar of canary yellow. The variety is very unlike dahlias of this type and is always admired25c each

POMPON DAHLIA GUIDING STAR—The little flowers are pure white and grow and bloom profusely on small, sturdy plants. The blooms appear very close together, giving the plant a snow-white appearance25c each

THE DISTINCTIVE TYPE COLLECTION OF SIX DAHLIAS, ALL LABELED (VALUE \$2.20), WILL BE MAILED TO YOUR ADDRESS POSTPAID FOR \$1.75.

CACTUS DAHLIAS

The formation of the cactus dahlia resembles the chrysanthemum. The petals are long, narrow and incurved.

The Hybrid cactus has petals that are shorter, wider and the formation is more full than the cactus type. The outer edge of the flower is quilled and incurved.

**A COLLECTION OF SIX
CACTUS DAHLIAS for
\$1.25**

COUNTESS OF LONSDALE—

A beautiful salmon-buff. This dahlia is always a great bloomer. An excellent cut flower35c each

DAHLIAMUM—Pure white dahlia of good form. The petals are long, narrow and incurved, making this a very pleasing variety...30c each

HOMER—The flower is a bright rich maroon color and always blooms profusely. The plant is a vigorous grower30c each

LIBELLE—This attractive dahlia is always admired. The unusual color of purple makes this variety an excellent one for decorative purposes25c each

MARJORIE CASTLETON—Perfectly formed flowers, of the most attractive shade of pink. Early and continuous bloomer.....30c each

SUCCESS—Clear canary yellow. A continuous bloomer. The flowers are borne on long, stiff stems25c each

**THE ABOVE COLLECTION OF SIX DAHLIAS. ALL
LABELED (VALUE \$1.75). FOR \$1.25 POSTPAID.**

ATTRACTION—Hybrid cactus. Large, clear lilac-pink flowers of perfect formation75c each

BIANCA—A beautiful hybrid cactus dahlia of great size. The color is white suffused lilac rose75c each

CAMEO—Pink in centre shading to white at outer petals. A sturdy plant that blooms continuously30c each

CORAL—This attractive coral-pink variety is always admired...25c each

COUNTRY GIRL—Golden yellow suffused salmon. Early bloomer...35c ea.

EDITH CARTER—Yellow-tipped bright red flowers, making this a very attractive flower40c each

F. W. FELLOWS—A beautiful salmon-pink flower, shading to yellow at the base of the petals50c each

GENERAL PERSHING—A creamy white flower of good formation, borne on sturdy stems35c each

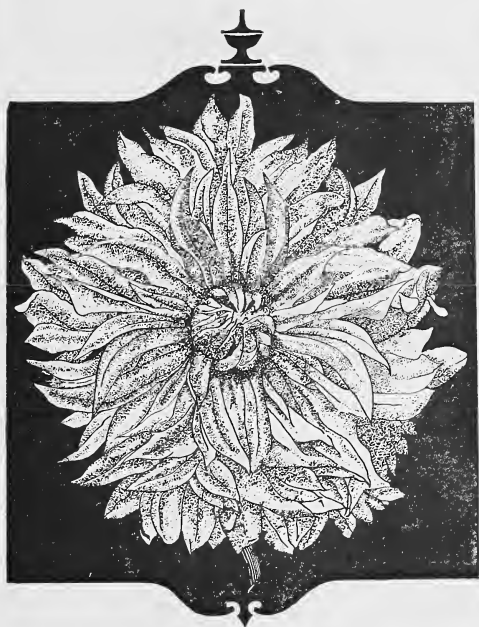
GEORGE WALTERS—H. C. Bright orange flowers shaded to scarlet. A flower of great size and one that is always admired.....75c each

GOLDEN GATE—The color is a deep golden yellow, shading to golden amber. The plant is very sturdy50c each

H. L. BROUSSON—Old rose flowers of good size; the arrangement is artistic; the petals are narrow and incurved30c each

LA FAVORITA—A brilliant salmon flower shaded rich pink...75c each

LAWINE—White suffused blush. This variety blooms early and continuously and makes an excellent cut flower25c each



Mariposa

MARIPOSA—This giant flower is one of the best varieties for exhibition purposes. The centre is pink, shaded lighter at outer edge of petals. Blooms freely all season, always retaining its centre. The long, stiff stems support the flower well..\$2.00 each

MRS. EDNA SPENCER

—The color is a bright shade of orchid pink. The massive flowers are borne on long stems.

75c each

MRS. WARNAAR

—Hybrid cactus. The flowers are very large and attractive and are well supported on long, stiff stems. The color is rose shaded to white at the outer end of petals.

75c each

NIBELUNGHORT

—This hybrid cactus variety is one of the best introduced. The flowers are rose suffused apricot and gold. It blooms early and continuous.

40c each

PIERROTT—Color apricot and amber-tipped white, it sometimes shades to light yellow at the end of petals. The petals are long and incurved**60c each**

RUTH C. GLEADELL—H. C. The color is yellow, shading apricot at the outer side of the flower**75c each**

TOM LUNDY—H. C. The flowers are of gigantic size. The color is rich crimson throughout. It grows sturdy and blooms freely

\$1.00 each

SISKIYOU—Immense flowers, pink tinted with mauve. The plant is vigorous and is a continuous bloomer**\$5.00 each**

DECORATIVE DAHLIAS

The flowers are large and very full to the centre; the petals vary in shape and size. This type has probably given more new and wonderful creations than any other type. The decorative dahlia is exceptionally fine for cutting or decorative purposes.

AMUN RA—A rich shade of coppery bronze. The flowers grow to great size and are borne on sturdy stems**\$1.50 each**

AMERICAN BEAUTY—Like the color of the American Beauty rose. A flower of good formation and one that is always admired..**40c each**

BREAK O' DAY—The color is a beautiful shade of light yellow. The flowers grow large and bloom freely**60c each**

- BREEZE LAWN**—Bright scarlet flowers of good form. The variety is an early and continuous bloomer **60c each**
- BLACK BEAUTY**—A flower of good size and formation. Its black color shows up well on the background of green foliage ... **50c each**
- CHAMPAGNE**—The color is golden chamois. This flower is a very popular exhibition variety **\$2.50 each**
- CLAREMONT**—The color is salmon-pink, with light yellow suffusion **65c each**
- DELICE**—A fine dahlia of good quality. The pink color is very attractive and does not fade **35c each**
- D. M. MOORE**—Rich dark maroon flowers, with a velvety appearance. A free bloomer **50c each**
- DR. TEVIS**—One of the largest and best of all dahlias. Its coloring is salmon suffused with gold, shading to a beautiful apricot .. **75c each**
- EARLE WILLIAMS**—The flowers are of immense size and of a rich brilliant red color, with stripes of white throughout. Good stems **\$2.00 each**
- EDITH CAVELL**—Red shading to bronze, with a tint of gold. The good-sized flowers are borne on long stems **\$1.00 each**
- INSULINDE**—A great favorite. Color is rich golden buff with a glittering sheen of gold. The under-side of the petals is rose. The stems are long and the blooms are carried upright on them **\$1.00 each**
- ISABEL STREET**—Rich carmine flowers, shading to pink at the outer edge of the petals. It blooms continuously throughout the season **\$1.00 each**
- JAMES C. GILL**—This flower is exceptionally fine. The color is a gorgeous golden hue, with slight tint of pink. The stems are sturdy and support the flower well **\$1.00 each**
- JUDGE MAREAN**—A good dahlia of immense size. Color is salmon-pink, shading to red and yellow **\$1.50 each**
- LA MASCOTTE**—This unique flower is silvery white on upper side of petals, with a rich velvet on the reverse side **\$1.50 each**
- MRS. I. DE VER WARNER**—One of the outstanding decorative dahlias. A variety that has won prizes at many expositions. The flowers are gigantic in size and bloom early and continuously. The color is a beautiful shade of rich mauve-pink **\$1.50 each**
- MRS. C. H. BRECK**—A dahlia of yellow coloring suffused rosy carmine. The petals are pointed and give the flowers unusual beauty .. **35c each**
- MRS. J. HARRISON DICK**—The flowers are borne on stiff, upright stems. The color is bright yellow, with outer petals slightly flushed pink **60c each**
- MRS. LOUISA FINGER**—This large flower is one of the best white varieties ever introduced **\$1.00 each**
- OREGAN BEAUTY**—This brilliant cardinal flower is a very pleasing variety. The glistening blooms are borne on long stems and arrear in great quantity **30c each**
- MINNIE BURGLE**—One of the most popular red dahlias. The flowers being very large and showy make it a great favorite **30c each**

**THE DECORATIVE
COLLECTION OF FIVE
GOOD VARIETIES for
\$2.00**

SEQUOIA GIGANTEA—An immense flower of golden yellow, slightly streaked with a beautiful shade of red**75c each**

LE GRAND MONITOU—Violet flowers striped white. Very unusual and attractive. Sometimes the flowers are pure violet**35c each**

HORTULANUS WITTE—A fine white flower that grows to great size. The foliage is unlike most dahlias, it being very thin over the sturdy stalks**35c each**

The above collection of five good varieties, all labeled (value \$3.05), for \$2.00 postpaid.

**A COLLECTION
OF YOUR OWN
SELECTION FOR \$1.00**

PORTHOS—This beautiful red flower is one of the largest and best red variety in existence**85c each**

MRS. CARL SALBACH—A beautiful shade of mallow pink borne on long, strong stems. The plant grows tall and very erect ... **75c each**

You may make a selection to your own liking from the fine varieties of decorative dahlias listed below. Any FIVE of the varieties will be mailed to your address postpaid for \$1.00.

AMBER ROSE—This flower has a rose-like formation and is a continuous bloomer. Its coloring is a beautiful shade of amber with rose tint**25c each**

AUTUMN BELL—A beautiful autumn shade of bronzy yellow. A flower that blooms very profusely**25c each**

JACK ROSE—This fine crimson dahlia still remains a great favorite. The plants are sturdy, and the showy flowers are borne in great quantities and resemble the rose of the same name. Excellent for cutting**20c each**

L. K. PEACOCK—A good bloomer. The flowers have perfect form and are pure white**25c each**

PRINCE OF ORANGE—A bright orange shading to amber. The under-side of the petals is dark pink. Blooms with great profusion
.....**25c each**

PRINCESS JULIANNA—The flowers are pure white, with good formation and medium size**25c each**

QUEEN MARY—The color is rich cerise pink. The flowers are of good size. A continuous bloomer**25c each**

PRIDE OF THE GARDEN—Beautiful scarlet flowers of medium size. An attractive flower for house decoration**20c each**

MINNIE McCULLOUGH—Beautiful shade of golden yellow, tipped with bronzy red. A very attractive autumn shade**20c each**

REDLAND—The flowers are red on outer side of flower and white in the centre, and sometimes they appear just the reverse; both on the same plant**25c each**

ZULU—The black dahlia. It still remains a pleasing variety...**25c each**

PEONY-FLOWERED DAHLIAS

The flowers are generally semi-double, exposing a golden yellow centre. This type contains many wonderful colors and is increasing in popularity.



Sunray

FOUR PEONY- FLOWERED DAHLIAS FOR \$1.00

This collection contains one each of the following varieties: Queen Elizabeth, Rose Marie, Sunray and Souv. de Gustav Doozon.

SUNRAY—This beautiful flower is golden yellow, shading to amber and rose. The blooms are borne on long stems carried well above the foliage, and blooms early and continuously. **25c each**

HARRIET GILL—The flowers are rich yellow, shading to lighter yellow with tint of red on the outer petals **\$1.00 each**

HAMPTON COURT—Bright pink shading to white, golden centre. The flowers are very large **35c each**

MARCELLA GILL—A medium-sized pink flower, with yellow shading at base of petals. A fine cut flower **75c each**

MME. VON BYSTEIN—Mauve, shading lighter to end of petals, **40c ea.**

MRS. H. M. EARL—A light yellow flower overlaid with scarlet. The stems are very long **75c each**

MRS. JESSIE SEAL—The flowers are very large. The color is a beautiful shade of old rose suffused salmon **75c each**

QUEEN ELIZABETH—A large, rich rosy mauve flower that is very pleasing **30c each**

ROSE-MARIE—A light shade of violet suffused white, with yellow centre. It blooms early and continuously **50c each**

SOSALIA STYLES—Rosy pink shaded white. The flowers are immense and beautiful **\$1.00 each**

SOUV. DE GUSTAV DOOZON—A very large scarlet flower that remains a great favorite. The long, wiry stems support the flower well **30c each**

A FREE CULTURAL LEAFLET. "How to Grow Dahlias," is enclosed with every order.

It is always a pleasure to answer your inquiries regarding dahlias.

GILL'S SUPERB GLADIOLI

A flower garden is never complete without adding some bulbs of this gay flower. They can be planted in massive form in beds, or they add great attraction to the border when placed here and there among the other plants. The flowers when cut and placed in water last for a long time and bloom to entirety.



Niagara

AMERICA—This ever popular variety is lavender-pink, and the blooms have great size; they appear closely on long spikes10c each; 3 for 25c

BARON HULOT—Rich deep indigo shade; long spikes, with flowers closely set15c each; 3 for 40c

BLACK BEAUTY—Very dark red flowers stained with black; the form is excellent15c each; 3 for 40c

COWEE'S SCARLET—This variety is one of the largest varieties ever introduced. The color is glowing-scarlet, and the brilliant shade attracts much attention40c each; 3 for \$1.00

CRACKER JACK—A dark red flower spotted with yellow and maroon. A very attractive combination.

10c each; 3 for 25c

HALLEY—Delicate rose with white blotch. The variety is a very early bloomer.....10c each; 3 for 25c

GRETCHEN ZANG—Massive pink flowers, with scarlet blendings on the lower petals. Arrangement very pleasing....15c each; 3 for 40c

HERADA—The color is clear mauve, and the large flowers are closely set on the long spikes. An outstanding variety....10c each; 3 for 25c

LE MARECHAL FOCH—Deep salmon rose flowers grown on long, vigorous spikes. An excellent cut flower10c each; 3 for 25c

MRS. DR. NORTON—This variety has been awarded high honors in all displays. The color is white with suffusion of yellow, and the tips of petals are pink10c each; 3 for 25c

MRS. FRANCIS KING—The flowers are light scarlet borne on long spikes. The variety is very showy10c each; 3 for 25c

MRS. FRANK PENDLETON, JR.—Large flowers flushed salmon-pink with blood-red blotch in the throat10c each; 3 for 25c

NIAGARA—Flowers are a creamy yellow shade, with the lower petals shaded darker. The throat is blended carmine. The vigorous growth makes this variety fine for cutting.....10c each; 3 for 25c

PEACE—Large white flowers with pale-lilac blotch on lower petals. Blooms appear close together on heavy spikes.....10c each; 3 for 25c

PRINCEPINE—Rich carmine red flowers, with large white blotch on lower petals. The spikes grow very tall10c each; 3 for 25c

ROSE ASH—A very distinct color, old rose blended pink, red and gray combination. This unusual flower is an excellent garden variety and makes an effective display when used for house decoration

20c each; 3 for 50c

WAR—Deep blood-red flower shaded to black. This is a tall, graceful flower that is always admired10c each; 3 for 25c



Souvenir

PRIMULINUS GLADIOLI

This form of flower never fails to please, and the delicate shades are not found in other types. Each flower appears artistically arranged on a long, graceful spike.

ALICE TIPLADY—Large flowers of orange-saffron color. The spikes are very tall and effective.....10c each; 3 for 25c

FIRE QUEEN—A beautiful orange scarlet flower with yellow throat..10c each; 3 for 25c

MAIDENS BLUSH—Delicate blush pink flowers of good formation..10c each; 3 for 25c

ORANGE BEAUTY—Beautiful orange flowers borne on long spikes10c each; 3 for 25c

SOUVENIR (See illustration)—This beautiful golden-yellow is one of the best yellow varieties ever introduced15c each; 3 for 40c

A SPECIAL COLLECTION OF GLADIOLI FOR \$1.00

Two each of the following varieties, each labeled (value \$1.50), for \$1.00 postpaid:

America (pink)
Baron Hulot (blue)
Herada (mauve)
Niagara (yellow)

Princepine (red)
Alice Tiplady (saffron)
Maidens Blush (blush)
Orange Beauty (orange)

A SUPERB MIXTURE OF GLADIOLI (First-Size Bulbs)

This mixture is composed of a careful selection of bulbs taken from a great variety of seedlings and good-named varieties. The selection contains several types and a wide range of colors

6 for 30c; 12 for 50c; 25 for 80c; 50 for \$1.50 postpaid

SECOND-SIZE MIXTURE—A mixture of good varieties and a variation of colors. The bulbs are second size and are large enough to bloom the first season.....12 for 35c; 25 for 65c; 50 for \$1.15 postpaid

WHY NOT MAKE SUCCESSION PLANTINGS OF GLADIOLI?

If you make the first planting of gladioli when the trees begin to leaf, and plant every two weeks until the first of July, you will have flowers all summer. No garden can afford to be without a liberal planting of this beautiful flower.

12 CHOICE MIXED DAHLIAS \$1.00

An assortment of large and small flowered varieties, including several types and colors. The roots are all vigorous, but are not labeled.

ALL PRICES ARE FOR DELIVERY, POSTPAID

CANNAS

This beautiful free-blooming flower always gives much delight with its gorgeous colorings and massive formation. The plants when planted in bed formation make a wonderful display with their glossy foliage and great range of colors.

The roots should be planted when danger of frost is over and they will bloom over a period of five to six weeks.

DRAGON—Blood-red color that makes a vivid showing over the dark-green foliage. The plant grows 3 feet in height.

EUREKA—This massive flower is creamy-white, petals are very heavy and the flower is very massive. The foliage is green and the plant grows 4 feet high.

HUNGARIA—The long flowers are pink and this variety is unusually attractive with its tropical effect. Height, 3½ feet.

KING HUMBERT—The flowers are orange-scarlet streaked red and this Orchid-flowering variety still holds a very high place among the best introductions although it is not a new variety. The foliage is a beautiful bronze. Height, 4 feet.

ORANGE BEDDER—A bright orange canna of excellent formation that is sure to please. The foliage is green. Height, 4 feet.

THE PRESIDENT—A massive red canna of brilliant effect. The strong petals closely connected gives it a heavy appearance, but the strong stems support the flower well. Green foliage. Height, 4 feet.

ONE ROOT EACH OF THE SIX BEAUTIFUL CANNAS FOR \$1.00 POSTPAID

or if purchased separately, 25c each; 3 for 70c., Postpaid

DAHLIA SEED

Dahlias are easily grown from seed, and every plant grown from seed is an entirely new variety and is sometimes better than the original flower.

The seeds should be planted early in the spring indoors and replanted in the open when all danger of frost is past. Many new seedlings will bloom the first year.

The seed offered is taken from the best varieties, and includes most all the typespacket 25c

SHOW DAHLIAS

This is the old-fashioned ball-shaped dahlia. This type is still in demand and contains some excellent varieties.

- A. D. LIVONI**—A rich shell-pink, perfectly round15c each
CALEB POWERS—Round pink flowers shading to white. A very profuse bloomer25c each
CHAMILION—The flowers are perfectly formed throughout. The background is canary yellow, and the outer surface is overlaid with rosy scarlet30c each
MRS. WELLS—White flowers shading to canary yellow. Profuse bloomer25c each
QUAKER LADY—White and yellow flowers tipped amber ...25c each
CUBAN QUEEN—Compact flowers with lemon-yellow surface shading to pink25c each
THE PEARL—White, penciled blue on outer petals. A perfectly formed flower25c each

POMPON DAHLIAS

The blooms are very small and compact. This type blooms more profusely than any other type. The small flowers are well suited for house decoration.

- GUIDING STAR**—Pure white flowers borne in great quantities almost covering the plant, giving the plant a snow-white appearance25c each
KLEIN DOMITTEA—Golden terra-cotta flowers appearing closely over the plant25c each
LITTLE HERMAN—Little scarlet flowers tipped white, making them appear very striking20c each
MAROON—The maroon flowers appear in liberal quantities and last well when cut. The hard, compact centre gives it good form ...20c each
PETITE JOHN—Lavender-rose flowers that are very pleasing.25c each

COLLARETTE DAHLIAS

This type of dahlia is single, with an additional row of petals which form a collar of a different color. This type is a novelty.

- FROFMORE**—Orange scarlet, with perfectly arranged collar of pure yellow25c each
MAURICE RIVOIRE—The flowers are deep crimson with a perfectly arranged collar of pure white25c each

12 BARGAIN DAHLIAS FOR \$2.00

This special bargain collection of dahlias is offered to those who prefer to leave the selection to us. The collection will be composed of twelve separate varieties, all named and labeled.

There are many varieties that we do not have enough stock to list or have more than is required for planting stock, and this stock is offered to you in this bargain collection.

The value of the varieties in this collection is very much in excess of the price offered.